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SUBJECT: CONINUING FOREIGN TRADE CONTACTS BETWEEN EGYPT AND USSR

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1. CAIRO PRESS FEBRUARY 23 PUBLISHED REPORTS OF CONTINUING FOREIGN TRADE CONTACTS BETWEEN USSR AND EGYPT. EGYPTIAN DELEGATION HAS, ACCORDING TO REPORTS RETURNED RECENTLY TO CAIRO AFTER NEGOTIATING CONTRACT FOR IMPORT OF 160,000 TONS OF UNSPECIFIED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. ANOTHER DELEGATION IS REPORTED TO BE VISITING MOSCOW NOW TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT FOR IMPORT OF PAPER. YET ANOTHER DELEGATION IS

DUE TO LEAVE FOR MOSCOW SHORTLY TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT FOR IMPORT OF 320,000 CUBIC METERS OF TIMBER.

2. ACCORDING TO MINTRADEUNDERSECREATRY SHUKRI NAHAL,

THESE ARE NORMAL PARTS OF YEARLY TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH USSR. CONTRACTS ARE CONCLUDED AT PREVIOUS YEAR'S LEVEL WITH PROVISION FOR ADJUSTMENT DEPENDING ON FINAL OUTCOME  
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OF CURRENT YEAR TRADE PROTOCOL.

3. REGARDING 1977 PROTOCOL, NAHAL SAID HE HAS BEEN DISCUSSING NEW DATE FOR SOVIET DELEGATION VISIT WITH SOVIET EMBASSY PAST FEW DAYS AND EXPECTS ANNOUNCEMENT "SHORTLY". SOVIET DCM TOLD DCM FEB 24 THAT TRADE DELEGATION WOULD BE COMING IN MARCH.

4. COMMENT. PUBLICATION OF SUCH ROUTINE WORKINGS  
OF FOREIGN TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND USSR  
INDICATES TO US GOE (AT LEAST AT NEGOTIATING LEVEL)  
DESIRES TO KEEP SUBJECT OF IMPORTANT 1977 TRADE  
PROTOCOL ON FRONT BURNER. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT  
DESPITE HIS CONTINUED OPTIMISM, NAHL DOES NOT KNOW  
EXACTLY HOW NEGOTIATIONS WILL COME OUT.  
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